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OPEC warns of world war if gold buyers watch U.S.

General president of OPEC, Amin M. Mohammed, warned yesterday that a world war over oil prices is a possibility...

Syrian pullback in Lebanon not under discussion

Beirut (UPI) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam yesterday said the Syrian pullback in Lebanon was not under discussion...

Syrian intelligence forces said questioning S. Lebanese

Jerusalem Post Correspondent BEIRUT — Travellers arriving in Beirut yesterday said the Syrian intelligence forces in Lebanon had begun sending Lebanese residents...

150 state attorneys submit resignations

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN and BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporters The country's 150 state attorneys yesterday submitted their resignations...

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currently meeting in Yugoslavia — the first time ever in a communist country — that "it would be naive to predict" that a continued erosion in the Saudis' financial resources...

Miller predicted that as the "oil shock" is absorbed in the "global system," inflation will diminish, and added that in talks with OPEC member finance ministers...

However, the bullion market dropped yesterday to \$397.50 far below the lowing \$447 of just two days ago, before a top U.S. official hinted that Washington was planning action to shore up the currency...

Dayan would meet PLO to solve refugee problem

Jerusalem Post Reporter Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said last night that he would recommend Israel's participation in any international talks on a solution to the Palestinian refugee problem...

Gold reserves undervalued

By SELOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Every central bank in the world has profited from the recent gold price rise, and among them the Bank of Israel, which holds 1.3 million ounces of the metal...

Egypt opposes move of Canadian embassy

CAIRO (AP) — The Egyptian government has expressed disapproval of Canada's plans to move its Israeli embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the official Middle East News Agency reported yesterday...

Small bomb explodes in Jewish Quarter

Jerusalem Post Reporter A small bomb exploded early yesterday morning in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, slightly damaging a parked car...



RAIN BEFORE SUCCOT. — A Jerusalem man, his wide-brimmed hat covered with a plastic bag against the rain, examines a myrtle branch in a "four species" stall yesterday.

More clouds headed our way Early rain a wet blanket for cotton, peanut crops

Jerusalem Post Staff Reactions to the season's first rainfall, which took the country by surprise early yesterday morning, were mixed...

Cotton and peanut farmers were most upset by the intermittent showers, accompanied in some places by high winds, thunder and even hail. Their harvests, far from completed, are threatened by the moisture and by the possibility of cotton getting knocked off the plants...

Further wariness was heard from Negev Beduin, who claim that early rain is a sign of drought. If true, it could spell disaster; the country is already suffering from the effects of last year's rain shortage...

Soviet Olympics official says PLO not invited to Moscow

MOSCOW (UPI) — A Soviet official of the 1980 Olympics organizing committee yesterday denied that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has been invited to take part in the Moscow Games...

Pope greets New York Jews, condemns anti-Semitism

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Pope John Paul II, winding up his New York visit, sang and joked with schoolchildren yesterday before making a passionate appeal for an end to anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination...

Cabinet body rejects Sharon seizure of land

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter The Ministerial Defence Committee yesterday refused to approve plans to seize Arab-owned land for Jewish settlement in the West Bank...

Israel sets deadline for Sinai monitoring force

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Diplomatic Reporter Israel has told the U.S. that if no international force has been organized and deployed by April 1982 to monitor the peace agreement with Egypt...

Bank Leumi strike today

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV — A late night meeting between representatives of Bank Leumi workers and management last night failed to prevent a closure of all the bank's branches today...

DM heads hold off on leaving coalition

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter The Democratic Movement Council yesterday overwhelmingly rejected calls for the party's immediate withdrawal from the coalition...

withdrew from area "C" of Sinai (near the international border) before a force has been organized...

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said last night that he was "very, very opposed" to confiscation of privately-owned land for the enlargement of settlements in Judea and Samaria...

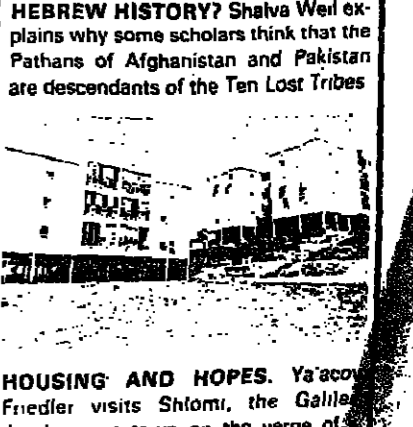
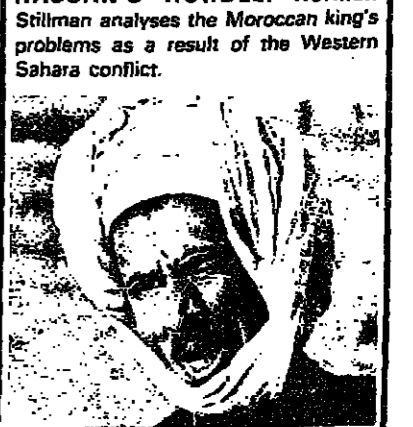
Dayan said in an interview on TV's Moked programme last night that the only alternatives to accepting the Sinai policing plan were to suggest another acceptable plan or to declare the Camp David agreements void...

invitations have been issued. "The Palestinians cannot, therefore, have received any invitation..."

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HEBREW HISTORY? Shalva Weid explains why some scholars think that the Pathans of Afghanistan and Pakistan are descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes

HOUSING AND HOPES. Ya'acov Friedler visits Shlomi, the Galilee development town on the verge of flat-fuelled population explosion



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SOCIAL & PERSONAL The Swedish Ambassador and Mrs. Torsen Oru yesterday visited Yad Vashem, where they were accompanied by Gideon Hausner MK, chairman of the Yad Vashem Council.

Arafat visits Jackson in Beirut hospital BEIRUT — Rev. Jesse Jackson received a visit in a hospital here last night from PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, but continued talks between the two were postponed until Jackson recovers from his "severe stomach ailment."

Police computer snafu redistributes wealth Jerusalem Post Reporter Psycheques for last month received by Israel police officers ranged from IL800 to IL4,000, while some pensioners got as much as IL140,000, due to a computer mistake.

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To our dearest friend MAXIME SILBERG Caracas — Venezuela A very happy 80th birthday, together with Freeda and David. Moshe, Ruth, Tov, Ariela, Daliah and David Rimon — Israel

HOME NEWS

Teachers' strike likely after Succot

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The threat of a teachers' strike immediately after Succot appeared to be increasing yesterday when a delegation of the Histadrut Teachers Union reported that no progress towards settling their dispute had been made in a meeting with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer.

engineers' increase came in the form of special bonuses which do not apply to teachers. Hammer has asked the attorney-general for a ruling on this matter. The Civil Service Commission has refused to release statistics about the engineers' pay. A request for this information by Moshe Etzioni, chairman of the government committee investigating the status and working conditions of teachers set up as a result of last year's strike, was ignored for several months.

Eilon Moreh political motives cited

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter A comment made yesterday by one of the five judges hearing the controversial Eilon Moreh settlement case appeared to indicate that the final ruling would not ignore the "political motives" behind the establishment of the outpost.

reasons, and not due to political pressure from Gush Emunim — one of the points stressed by Eitan in his affidavit. One document, signed by Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor, described the events that led to the meeting of the Ministerial Defence Committee on January 21, 1978, at which it was decided that the Eilon Moreh settlement group could move into the site "when the government saw fit."

'Birth' of Ne'eman's party Monday

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Prof. Yuval Ne'eman yesterday called on members of other parties who desire a national renaissance to join the new Tebiya party, whose "birth" will be marked officially next Monday at Binyamin Ha'ooma in Jerusalem.

without making the local Arab Israeli citizens. We call for a reneved settlement effort and for a credible economic leadership. The new party includes individuals from a number of parties, such as Geula Cohen and her colleagues from the Herut Loyalists Circle, although the group no longer formally exists.

Hotels fill up as country readies for Succot

By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter There are no rooms left for the week of Succot in most of the country's resorts, but a few places are available in Netanya and Ashkelon.

Ellat, Sharm e-Sheikh and a point midway between them. Information on the society's free tours will be given, together with warnings against littering, and large bags will be handed out in which campers will be asked to keep their refuse.

TA suburbs all a-buzz on stinging issue

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — A stinging exchange on the origin of the mosquitoes plaguing the residential neighborhoods north of the Yarkon River in the past month is taking place between Tel Aviv Municipality and Ramat Hasharon Local Council, with each accusing the other of being the source of the pests.

had swooped on Tel Aviv. Kremer said it was impossible for the mosquitoes to have flown from Tel Aviv to Ramat Hasharon, "because the standing water is there, not here." "We took action to kill the mosquitoes, because Tel Aviv residents are also suffering from the situation. The mosquitoes don't carry any address, but we have proved they come from Ramat Hasharon," Kremer said.

Ramat Gan paratroop jump stymied by fear of rhinos

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter RAMAT GAN. — Fear that elephant and rhinoceros in the Safari Park here would stampede at the sight of paratroopers descending overhead caused cancellation of this afternoon's free-fall display in Ramat Gan.

sudden gust of wind might send soldiers into the danger zone. The army said the men are capable of landing within two metres of a target. Meanwhile, in Ashdod, a jumping display was halted when spectators ran into the landing zone, endangering themselves and the paratroopers. The onlookers ignored the army's pleas that they keep a safe distance from the sand dune target.



Ramallah mayor faces quiz on trip to U.S.

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf, who returned home on Tuesday from a two-month visit to the U.S., has been called in to meet military government officials at the Beit El headquarters this morning, apparently to discuss his activities while abroad.

Palestinian question. Khalaf said he hoped there would be public pressure on the administration to change its Middle East policy. He added that he had not met with any U.S. officials during his visit — "because the PLO is our only legitimate representative" — but said that he had talked to prominent Palestinian Illinois congressman Paul Findley and to a number of black leaders.

150 ATTORNEYS

Michal Shaked, a representative of the state attorneys committee, places the attorneys' resignations on the desk of Justice Ministry Director-General Meir Gabay, who was reportedly too busy to accept them.

Rabin storms out of letters hearing in a huff

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday walked out in protest from a Labour Party hearing that was to deal with the allegedly fabricated letters against him sent to newspapers by the party's public relations firm. The verdict is expected next week.

testimony yesterday from six witnesses, including party spokesman Yossi Beilin. The affair of the spurious letters began soon after the recent publication of excerpts from Rabin's book, in which he launched a scathing attack on party chairman Shimon Peres.

Aridor will head Herut secretariat

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Deputy Minister Yoram Aridor was yesterday elected chairman of the Herut secretariat, the party's top organizational institution.

Aridor received 63 of the 116 votes, defeating MK Michel Dekel, who got 47. The third contender, MK Eitan Livni, withdrew and gave his support to Aridor.

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reached earlier in Haifa during the August Begin-Sadat summit, as Israel understood it, whereby joint military patrols would monitor area "B" as well as the buffer zone. He also recalled the abortive attempts by the U.S. to organize a UN force or a multi-national force forthwith, which led to the first American proposal to give monitoring responsibility to UNTSO — a proposal finally rejected by Israel.

Many of these critics said that the 200 Americans in the Sinai Field Mission were too few in number to supervise the limitation of forces and the demilitarization, in the respective zones. They would not manage to fulfill the designated early warning and security roles, as well as the supervisory roles, supposed to have been given to a UN or a multi-national force.

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when he found the state had bought it. It is reported that under Jordanian law, a seller of land has time to change his mind before the deal is finalized. According to one report, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday advised the ministers not to seize the land. In the vote, only Sharon and Interior Minister Yosef Burg supported the seizure.

JDC — Israel The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. deeply mourn the passing of ANNA WEINBERG mother of Marshal, James and Edward Weinberg, dedicated supporters of JDC's humanitarian programmes throughout the world. Blessed be her memory.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of MAURICE (Moshe) BERNSOHN The funeral will take place today, Thursday, October 4, 1979, leaving at 3 p.m. from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour for Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem. The Bereaved Family In deep sorrow, we mourn the loss of our dear husband RENE MOSHE ADAM Colette and David The funeral will take place today, Thursday, October 4 (Tishri 19) at 1 p.m. at the Holon Cemetery (main gate).

Shahal: PLO may form government-in-exile

By MARY HIRSCHFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The PLO will probably announce the formation of a government-in-exile during the upcoming congress of the Socialist Front, to be held in Madrid next month, Aliyah Knesset spokesman Moshe Shahal told a conference here yesterday. All Communist and most of the aligned states have already agreed to recognize such a government, he added.

The plan was revealed by PLO representatives during the recent meeting of the Interparliamentary Commission in Caracas, Venezuela, Shahal said. The organization's representative, Hassan, told the forum of 1,900 representatives from 90 states that the PLO intended to recover "every inch of territory not still occupied."

The recognition of a PLO government-in-exile, Shahal said, would definitely transform the whole world question and put Israel in a very difficult position.

"The Israeli delegation at the meeting was terribly isolated," he said. "For 10 long days we had to explain our position time and again to people who did not care to listen. They kept hammering at us on the settlement issue and Lebanon, and it was very difficult to answer."

Shahal said that traditional friends of Israel, such as the Belgians and West Germans, insisted that we consider sitting with the PLO at long last if we did not want to lose the few good friends we have managed to keep.

The American delegation proved a disappointment, Shahal said. "We took it for granted that the U.S. would come out against the pro-PLO resolution. But while 12 U.S. delegates voted against it, 10 others abstained. They would not move a finger to help us defeat the strongly pro-PLO wording."

The forum adopted a resolution calling for a Palestinian state, the recognition of the PLO as the Palestinians' sole representative, and — this despite determined opposition by the Communist countries — safe borders for Israel.

Shahal said that Israel must seek an alternative foreign policy, and quickly, because the present one had proved disastrous.



A gardener puts the finishing touches to the cactus corner at the Holon International flower show due to open tonight. (Michael Fridkin)

Flower exports starting; storms ahead

By YITZHAK ODED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The flower export season starts today, but growers threaten to stop the export of flowers in a fortnight, if the government does not give them financial aid.

The decision to go ahead with the season's start came only after a stormy session of the Israel Association of Commercial Flower Growers yesterday voted by a majority of one to postpone the strike planned for today to enable the government to find a solution to the economic plight of the farmers.

The growers' statisticians claim that because of galloping inflation, the ratio between the dollar and the Israeli pound is constantly eroded, and that by the end of the flower export season in May the growers will have lost IL600m.

Agriculture Ministry Director-General Avraham Ben-Meir promised growers he would see what he could do to meet their demands for compensation.

This year, Israeli flower growers expect to export some 950 million flowers, 225 million more than last year.

As distinct from last year, the Flower Marketing Board has this year reached an agreement with the Dutch flower growers to regulate exports to Europe. Last year, at peak flower growing time, Dutch flower growers complained that Israel was flooding the market.

By the start of November, growers expect to be sending some 300,000 flowers daily to Europe in four jumbo cargo planes. Expected receipts should be \$100m-110m.

And in Holon, 250,000 flowers and some 100,000 plants go on exhibition this evening as the ninth international flower show opens there.

Participating are growers from Israel and from 10 countries in Europe and Asia. The exhibition will stretch over a 65-dunam park at Pillbox Hill in the Tel Giborim neighbourhood.

Chief rabbi exhorts: Keep away from smoking

By JUDY SEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef yesterday warned Jews to "keep away from cigarette smoking" and called on teachers to refrain at least from smoking in school so as not to set a bad example for their pupils.

The chief rabbi told reporters that alcoholism and drug abuse are strictly prohibited by Jewish law, but he fell short of making the same pronouncement on smoking. (Tel Aviv's Sephardi chief rabbi, David Halevy, issued an opinion three years ago that smoking is forbidden according to Halacha; but few prominent rabbis seconded his ruling.)

"According to medical research today," Rabbi Yosef said, "smoking is dangerous to one's health, and thus smoking violates the biblical injunction in Deuteronomy: 'Take therefore good care of yourselves.'" (which is understood as a prohibition against doing something harmful to one's health.)

But the chief rabbi declined to issue a more strict and universal ruling against smoking because "some people get sick unless they smoke."

He told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that a number of great Talmud scholars have written that some people with stomach disorders become sicker unless they smoke. But he said he had not asked any doctors whether this claim was medically proven.

The chief rabbi also came out against spending fortunes on wedding celebrations (the Gerer rebbe has prohibited this for years among his hassidim), and expressed sorrow over crowded housing conditions in disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

"Most of them are neighbourhoods where Oriental Jews live," he said in calling for a solution to the housing problem.

Finally, Rabbi Yosef urged the teaching of more Jewish consciousness in state schools because "first, one must get to know our Torah... and only after that can pupils decide if they want to accept it or reject it. Even if they reject it, they will at least value it more."

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Tax income running 13.5% over 1978

By SHELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Taxes collected in the first half of 1979 totalled IL61.5b., the State Revenue Administration announced yesterday. The figure was a nominal increase of 97.5 per cent over the same period in 1978, or 13.5 per cent in real terms.

The tax authorities hope to collect a total of IL204b. by the end of the year.

Of the total collected from January to June, IL47.5b. was taken in by income tax offices, an increase of 95 per cent. Customs intake was up 87 per cent to IL33.4b., and revenue from other sources was up 86 per cent to IL700m.

The administration is pleased with the increased revenue, which stemmed from various steps taken by taxation authorities. These included better enforcement in collection, requiring more employers to deduct taxes at source, raising interest rates on late payment, collection drives and improved collection from corporations.

Severe manpower shortage threatens citrus harvest

By YITZHAK ODED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A severe shortage of pickers, sorters and packers is threatening to make this year's citrus harvest much worse than last year, when \$20m. worth of fruit was not harvested because of lack of manpower.

This was the dismal forecast handed yesterday by Elisha Akson, president of the Farmers Federation. He estimated that some 100,000 workers from Sinai cannot in the harvest this year, the force will be short some 3,000 workers or about one-fourth the number needed. Akson emphasized that he understood the government's position against allowing foreign labourers to the country. But, he said, he had to choose between allowing the fruit to rot and allowing foreign labourers in, he preferred the second option.

He said there is a possibility that the shortage of manpower could be made up by allowing high school pupils, office workers and pensioners to work. But he said it did not seem likely that the Education Ministry would let pupils en masse work in the groves for one to two weeks.

He said special arrangements had to be made to encourage women, office workers and pensioners to work in the groves.

YA'ACOV FRIEDLER said: The export of this season's first million cases of citrus fruit will be completed today.

The season started three weeks ago and shipments have consisted exclusively of grapefruit, mainly the early ripening variety from Jordan Rift settlements.

The Citrus Marketing Board spokesman said the grapefruit have been in demand in European markets. The board expects to ship about 50 million cases this year, earning \$275m. Just under 50 million cases were shipped last year earning \$250m.

50 pros to compete here in \$50,000 tennis tourney

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT HASHARON. — More than 50 overseas players from 17 countries have entered the Israel Tennis Centre's second annual Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) tournament starting here on Monday, with a qualifying singles event getting under way tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The \$50,000 ATP Colgate Grand Prix championship continues throughout Succot, and a giant succa has been erected at the spacious Ramat Hasharon complex.

The main draw will take place between 32 singles players and 16 doubles pairs. Four places in the singles are being kept for the semi-finalists of the qualifying meet, which will include up to a dozen Israelis among the expected 35 participants. Top local players Shlomo Glickstein and Steve Kruevitz have been accepted straight into the main draw.

Rumanian ace Ilie Nastase and leading American Sandy Mayer are seeded to clash in the final of the singles, worth \$8,750 to the winner and \$4,375 to the runner-up. With seedings based on the latest ATP world rankings, title-holder Tom Okker of Holland and South Africa's David Schneider follow Nastase and Mayer.

Fighting for a share of the \$2,600 award to the doubles winners will be no fewer than three former holders of the Wimbledon doubles title, triple champion Frew McMillan of South Africa, Mayer and Nastase. Okker has taken both the ATP and World Championship Tennis doubles crowns, as well as those at the U.S. Open and the French and Italian championships. (McMillan and Nastase have also each won these three major titles.)

Meanwhile, the finals of the Israel Tennis Association's 1979 national invitation championships take place this afternoon at the Dan-Accadia hotel courts in Herzliya, starting at 5 o'clock.

Government budget deficit rose again in September

By SHELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The government's budgetary deficit is continuing to rise rapidly, according to figures available to *The Jerusalem Post*.

The increase in September was IL4.5b., bringing the deficit for the first six months of the fiscal year up to IL21.5b. — although the deficit figure anticipated in the state budget for the entire year was IL2b.

For the first few months of the fiscal year, the government was able to finance part of its activities by selling bonds. But bond sales declined in August, and even more sharply in September (when only IL.5b. worth were sold).

As a result, the government injected IL7.2b. worth of currency into the economy, IL3b. of this in September.

Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gabry is about to submit to the government and the Knesset Finance Committee a report on the rise in the means of payment by more than 25 per cent since January. (In the same period, the consumer price index has risen by 85 per cent.)

The report, which the governor is required by law to submit whenever the means of payment rises by more than 15 per cent, is regarded in Bank of Israel circles as obsolete and as no longer serving its original object. It does, however, give the government an opportunity to comment on government economic policy.

UNIFIL commends Rambam Hospital

Haifa's Rambam Hospital has received a special commendation for its treatment of severely wounded UNIFIL personnel from Major-General Emmanuel Erskine.

In a letter yesterday to Tat-Aluf Aharonov, IDF general staff officer for UN liaison, Erskine also praised the Tel Hashomer, Beit Lowenstein and Safad hospitals.

Erskine pointed out that since its inception, UNIFIL from time to time has had to hospitalize personnel, as well as Lebanese civilians, and that "Israeli hospitals have been wonderful in the way they have taken care of our sick and wounded."

Public will be advised how to conserve energy

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two hundred information centres for counselling the public on more efficient uses of energy are to be opened throughout the country as part of the Energy Ministry's fuel-saving campaign.

This was announced yesterday when the head of the ministry's information unit for energy saving, Moshe Gabar, and representatives of the Building Centre of Israel outlined at a press conference the energy-saving plans. They also announced the opening of the "Energy 89" exhibition on Sunday.

Gabar said that Israeli industry saved 50,000 tons of fuel, worth over \$7.5m. during the past 18 months. He added that 40,000 tons of fuel will be saved this year, according to the estimates of energy-saving plans based on studies conducted in industrial plants.

It was reported that national fuel consumption in 1978 was approximately 7,885,000 tons, which cost a total of \$781,600,000. Fuel consumption is expected to rise by 6.5 per cent this year, reaching some 8,390,000 tons.

On the recommendation of the Energy Ministry, the Housing Ministry has made solar water heating systems compulsory in all public housing projects. This took effect in April 1979, Gabar said.

When it was discovered that tenants linked to a central water heating system use three times as much hot water as those who have individual heating systems, the Ministerial Economic Committee ruled that a tenant may cut himself off from the central system and install a solar water heating system, even in communal property, Gabar said.

The exhibition in the Kirya, which will display the wares of 50 producers and importers, will be opened by Energy Minister Modai, whose ministry is sponsoring the show. The exhibition, organized by the Building Centre, will focus mainly on efficient use of energy-consuming appliances at home and in industry, solar energy devices and insulating materials and techniques. The show, which will close on October 18, will not be open on Friday and Saturday.

ARABIC. — Twenty women soldiers have recently completed a course as Arabic teachers in elementary schools. They have already begun work in development towns in the north and south of the country.

Export-import mail law

The postal service has announced changes in parcel post regulations to and from the country:

A reasonable quantity of goods for the recipient's personal use may now be mailed from Israel, with no limitation on value. (The previous limit was IL500.)

Persons leaving Israel may ship their personal and household belongings within six months of their departure date, without having to apply for an export licence.

Gift packages may now be received without applying for an import licence, with no limitation on value. (The previous limit was \$160.)

Finance Ministry

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich has reportedly told confidants that he favours a cabinet shake-up which would include a change at the Finance Ministry, and not as reported in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*.

PALMED. — Two youths are being sought on suspicion of cutting fronds from palm trees in Ramat Gan's national park, apparently for use in building succot.

Pavements are for people, drivers find

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — City inspectors have been fining up to 1,200 drivers a day for attempting to clear the pavements or pedestrians, according to Arye Kremer, municipal executive member and head of the sanitation department.

Kremer estimated yesterday that 10 to 50 per cent of Tel Aviv's shoppers live out of the city and commute to their businesses in cars. He said they park from 8 in the morning to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the pavements in front of their stores.

Other Tel Aviv drivers prefer to park on pavements near their destinations, rather than in the free municipal parking lots, which are usually not full, he said.

Although the pavements of narrow residential streets are still full of cars forcing children, mothers with baby carriages and others to walk in the streets, Kremer said some improvement is noticeable in the larger streets.

"We are concentrating on the large commercial streets, such as Ibn-Gabriel, Ben-Yehuda and Sderot Yerushalayim. In certain sections of these streets there is a definite improvement. Some drivers have to be fined a few times a day before they learn their lesson," Kremer said.

Cars parked on pavements are fined IL500 for violating the municipal road preservation by-law.

Hut gives way to Hadera power plant

By MARY HIRSCHFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Beduin hut that has been preventing the Electric Corporation from constructing a coal terminal for its new power station on the Hadera beach, has finally — and quietly — been demolished.

The hut's owner, in jail since June 1978 for refusing to evacuate the hut when ordered to do so by the court, has been released and has reportedly settled somewhere in the Negev.

All Kasim al-Kaysi and his 16-member clan, occupied the site earmarked for the coal terminal and refused to leave it when the land was expropriated five years ago. A years-long court battle followed, and the rest of the family agreed to leave. But Kaysi told police he would rather go to jail.

Apparently he changed his mind a few weeks ago, because he helped authorities demolish the shack and moved with his wife and children to another Beduin settlement.

TV APPOINTMENT. — Yosef Goddard yesterday was appointed director of Israel TV's department of documentary programmes, replacing Judy Lutz who resigned two months ago. An appointments board chose Goddard, who has worked as a producer and director in the Broadcasting Authority for 20 years and whose film on the Palashas won the authority prize.

El Al grounds steward; may spark strike

By BARUCH SAVILE
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

The grounding for one year of a senior El Al cabin attendant who held up the departure of a London-New York 747 with 400 passengers on board just before Rosh Hashana may spark new labour strife.

The attendant, who is also a works committee representative, questioned crew assignments which he claimed were not in accordance with the labour agreement.

The four-hour delay cost the airline some \$25,000, an El Al official said, and inconvenienced the passengers, many of whom missed their flight connections.

An El Al hearing, in which Histadrut representative participated, grounded the attendant and put him on probation for two years.

Well-informed El Al sources said that the cabin attendants might impose sanctions, or even strike by the weekend if their colleague is not returned to flight duties.

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Callaghan loses twice at Labour conference

BRIGHTON, England (UPI). — Former Labour prime minister James Callaghan suffered his second wounding defeat in two days at the hands of militant left-wingers at the party's annual conference. The conference, heavily loaded with trade union block votes, rejected an appeal by Callaghan and adopted, by a majority of nearly 850,000 out of six million, a left-wing proposal that the left-dominated National Executive Committee and not the party leader should in future have the final say in drafting Labour's election programme. Up to now, the party leader has had a veto right. Left-wingers com-

plained that because of this radical proposals have been left out of the manifesto in the past.

On Tuesday, the conference inflicted a similar defeat on Callaghan by voting — also against his recommendation — that Labour MPs in future must submit to fresh vetting by local party activists before each general election.

But a move to take the election of the leader out of the hands of Labour Party members of Parliament and turn it over to the party as a whole was defeated.

Despite these blows to Callaghan, aides expressed confidence that he would not quit.

SA tribesmen oppose resettlement

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — Prime Minister P.W. Botha's black homelands consolidation plans ran into a snag yesterday as hundreds of Makgato tribesmen fled into bush to avoid forcible resettlement. Jill Wentzel of the white liberal Black Sash movement called the shifting of the tribe in the Northern Transvaal a scandal. She was responding to reports that police with dogs had forced several families in the tribe to move from their homes near Soekmekaar and had demolished the houses of several others who refused to go. The resettlement of the tribe is part of the government's grand strategy of grouping South Africa's majority blacks in specific homelands and then giving them independence within the framework of a white-ruled South Africa.



Policemen in Northern Ireland examine a British army vehicle which ran off the road after it had been fired upon by IRA guerrillas. Sir Maurice Oldfield's job will be to try to prevent such incidents in the future. (AP radiophoto)

Return of "Smiley" — vs. IRA

BELFAST (Reuter). — Britain has recalled one of its leading spymasters from the cold to plot its battle against Irish republican guerrillas. Secret Service M16, would next week become security coordinator in Northern Ireland. By coincidence, the announcement of his appointment came within hours of the Provisional Irish Republican Army's rejection of a fervent appeal by Pope John Paul II to end its violent tactics. The IRA said, "Force is by far the only means of removing the evil of British presence in Ireland."

It is widely believed in Britain that Sir Maurice is the man on whom John Le Carré based George Smiley in "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" and other novels. Apart from other considerations, Oldfield's appointment is thought to have been made necessary because of some strain in the relations between the British forces in Northern Ireland and the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the main police force in the province.

Iranian oil workers told to back boss

TEHRAN (UPI). — Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday urged Iran's 40,000 oil workers to support their new boss, Ali Akbar Moftakhar, who has replaced dismissed oil chief Hassan Nasah.

In remarks made to Prime Minister Mehdi Basargan and his cabinet on Tuesday night and broadcast in the state radio yesterday, Khomeini suggested "that the gentlemen of the cabinet, especially the oil minister, should give a lot of attention to the fact that they must act with great care in their positions and the workers should support them." "I ask the oil workers that they support (Moftakhar), work for the country and do not go slow. Do not take leave. Now the country belongs to them," the 78-year-old religious leader said.

"The oil is their own. It is not a wasted effort. When it is our own, it is our duty to work," Khomeini said in the first reference to the oil workers since Nasah's ouster from the industry. Nasah, a French-educated lawyer who opposed clerical pleas for a wide-scale purge of workers considered unsympathetic to the Islamic revolution, was dismissed in a cabinet reshuffle on Saturday. He had headed the nation's oil industry since March, when it resumed production following a 65-day strike to protest the rule of the shah.

His successor, Moftakhar, took charge on Monday as Iran's first oil minister and chief of all energy-related industries. He promised to carry out the purge demanded by the clerical leaders, although he failed to set a specific programme for the "cleaning up" of the work force.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Pretoria puritanism — South African playgoers may not see all of the popular Broadway musical "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," but at least the censors are going to let them read the full title. In a reversal of an earlier decision, the Publications Appeals Board on Tuesday told the producers they could use the play's full name instead of describing it as "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

Mexican rally to mark 1968 student massacre — Thousands of students marched peacefully through the center of the capital to commemorate the 1968 massacre of scores of students by government forces. At the end of the massive demonstration by about 3,500 students on Tuesday, an effigy of former president Diaz Ordaz was burned on the steps of the Interior Ministry, and anti-government banners were draped across the iron gates.

Boat people rescued — A U.S. Navy patrol yesterday rescued 29 Vietnamese refugees from a crippled boat in the South China Sea, bringing to 717 the number of Vietnamese rescued by the 7th Fleet. A Navy announcement said the 11 men, six women and nine children aboard the nine-meter boat were first spotted Tuesday night by a passing merchant ship, which alerted the navy.

Nigerian assembly postponed by army — Inauguration of Nigeria's National Assembly, which was to have been held Tuesday, has been postponed indefinitely, the Ghana news agency said in a report from Lagos. The outgoing military government transferred power to Executive President Alhaji Shehu Shagari on Monday after 13 years of military administration, and had set Tuesday for the state opening of the assembly.

Five-scale Everest in record 30 days — Five climbers scaled Mount Everest in a record 30 days, the Nepal Ministry of Tourism said yesterday. The five, who reached the top on October 1, approached the peak by the same route pioneered by Sir Edmund Hillary in 1953, up the southeast ridge.

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Rhodesia won't halt cross-border raids

LONDON. — Zambia has urged Britain to try to stop Zimbabwe Rhodesian security forces making cross-border raids during the current London peace talks, saying the attacks threaten this last chance of a settlement and the stability of the entire Southern African region.

Zimbabwe Rhodesia Prime Minister Bishop Abel Muzorewa flatly rejected the appeal yesterday. "You can forget it," Muzorewa told reporters at his London hotel.

The American-educated Methodist said his country's white-led ground and air forces would continue preventive strikes at guerrilla bases across their borders. He reiterated claims that Mozambique troops were fighting alongside Mozambique-based guerrilla chief Robert Mugabe's forces within Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

The Zimbabwe-Rhodesian military high command in Salisbury reported wiping out Mugabe's military headquarters and killing several hundred guerrillas.

Britain yesterday handed the conference a new detailed blueprint for an independence constitution which Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington described as "fair and reasonable." It called for genuine black majority rule, but also contained guarantees for the 200,000 white minority that their interests will be safeguarded in the first few years after independence.

Meanwhile, police said yesterday the body of John Giles, a white senior legal adviser to the Salisbury delegation at the conference, was found on Tuesday in the basement of Lancaster House, where the talks are being held. Police said Giles apparently had fallen into a stair well. They said foul play was not suspected; however, security was increased heavily around Lancaster House. (AP, UPI)

Giscard defends France's African involvement

BONN (AP). — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing said his troops intervened in the Central African Empire after receiving appeals from the African nation to remove superior Bokassa I.

Appearing Tuesday night on West German television, Giscard called Bokassa's regime, deposed last month with the aid of French troops, "a bloody dictatorship." He said that "from the country itself, we were called upon by numerous petitioners" to remove the former French army sergeant from power.

Bokassa, who ruled for 14 years, was deposed while on a visit to Libya.

Pope renews Philadelphia's brotherly love

Washington Post News Service PHILADELPHIA. — Despite its motto, this colonial Pennsylvania city in recent years has not been the "City of Brotherly Love." Perhaps for that reason, Pope John Paul II chose the city as his first stop after New York City.

Philadelphians say their city — which has been torn by racial strife, municipal corruption and shocking reports of police brutality encouraged by the mayor — needs a lifting of the spirit. But nobody harbors the belief that the pope's visit will turn the corner on overcoming the city's problems.

"No city in the nation... is more in need of the papal presence than Philadelphia," local columnist Claude Lewis wrote last week. "The entire Delaware Valley region, for that matter, is in desperate need of a visit by the pope at these troubled times he could stay here a month and still not reach the full measure of the problems we face," Lewis wrote.

Escalating crime rates, racial tension, a divisive mayoral race, a major federal lawsuit alleging widespread and systematic brutality by the city's police department, high unemployment, declining population, a failing public school system and a rickety public transport network have all worked in recent years to keep this city in a funk.

On top of it all is an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit against the use of city funds to pay for the massive altar platform constructed for yesterday's papal mass at Logan Circle in the city center.

The suit — and the predominance of Jews in ACLU leadership ranks — spawned a nasty growth of anti-Semitism. "The basic matter is unbelievable," said Hilda Silverman, the organization's local director. "We've had death threats. What Jesus himself would find if he were coming here is all of these people who say they love the pope, but who stand ready to attack the Jews," Silverman said.

For all of their fighting and fussing, spokesmen for the various and plentiful warring factions of this city said they were pleased that the pope was coming. Blacks and Jews, the ACLU notwithstanding, were involved in the design and construction of the altar platform.

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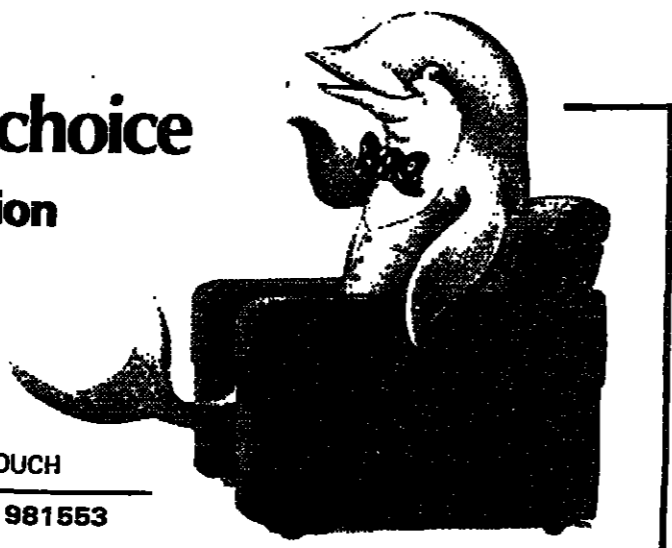
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INDUSTRY ON THE MOVE

By ALAN ELSNER / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Bedroom furniture by Aminach.

TEL AVIV — One hundred Israeli manufacturers of furniture and wood products are taking part in the Israel Furniture '80 exhibition, which was opened here last night by Industry, Trade and Tourism Minister Gideon Patil.

The exhibition continues at the national fair ground until October 13 and is open to the public each day between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Saturday evenings between 6 p.m. and midnight.

The exhibition, jointly sponsored by the Industry Ministry and the Productivity Institute, will serve as a showpiece for the fastgrowing Israeli furniture industry. Already the fifth largest industry in the country in terms of the size of its workforce, furniture manufacturers exported an impressive \$40m. last year.

But markets are still relatively undeveloped, being concentrated at present in Europe, with some business also being conducted in the U.S., Australia and South Africa. It is hoped that the exhibition will contribute towards developing wider markets.

One encouraging trend in this direction, which also has a certain political significance, is the reported attendance of a delegation of 16 businessmen and buyers from Egypt. Alex Levinstein, chairman of the Association of Furniture Manufacturers, announced recently that he had discussed the participation of the Egyptian delegation during the visit to Israel by Egyptian businessman Nabil Awad.

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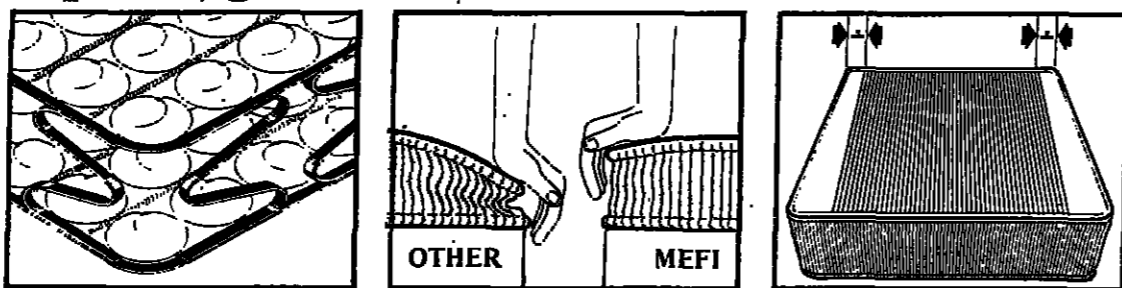


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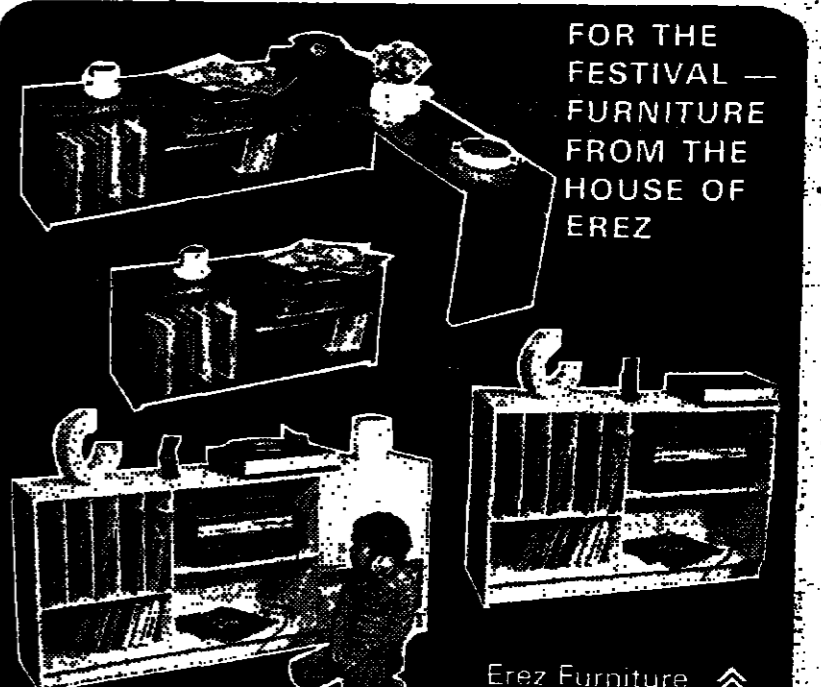


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Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

In keeping with the current thinking, which calls for these shares to rise while the rest of the market falls, IDB, Hapoalim, General Bank and FIB were two-point gainers.

In the service sector Israel Electric was down by 16 points for a one-session loss of 6.3 per cent. Rapac ILI was 5.8 per cent lower, while the IL2 shares lost nearly 5 per cent.

Land development and real estate shares were lower. The major casualty of the group was Asorim, which was down by nearly 10 per cent.

Investment company issues had little to cheer about as extensive selling lowered prices. Clal Trade was down by 20 points, while Clal Industries took a 27-point pasting.

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HARD LINE NEEDED ON CEMENT

MEIR RONNEN advocates the creation of a single, controlled outlet for cement as a way of ending the profiteering and periodic shortages of the last 12 years.

ACCORDING to a recent report in *The Post* the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism has just made the horrifying discovery that there is a flourishing West Bank-based black market in cement. The discovery comes about a decade too late.

Periodic shortages of cement have occurred with monotonous regularity since the beginning of the building boom that followed the Six Day War. Speculators on the West Bank — and not Israeli contractors — began buying up cement before the Yom Kippur War, which they resold at between five and six times the then controlled price.

These black marketers were not contractors either, but mere speculators who owned rows of shops in Shufat, Bethlehem, Ramallah and elsewhere. These shops had their interconnecting walls knocked out and all fixtures removed, so that they could be used for the storage of at least 50 tons of cement.

Their customers were the smaller Arab and Jewish contractors, who were given single ton at a time. These "beggars" could be seen on Shufat's main road, waiting with their own transport for a few bags of cement. There were times when a 20-

ton supply would arrive direct from the Nesher Plant only to be sold right off the back of the trailer, without it entering the shop. All the shopowner did was collect the money (cash only, plus a fee for the porters).

Few of these speculators were licensed cement dealers. It follows that they must have paid handsome kickbacks to dealers ready to let them have 100-500 tons a month. They were simply capitalizing a highly profitable operation that made — and often still makes — an essential Israeli building component five times more expensive than it should be.

Nor have they confined their dealing to Israeli Portland-type cement. Trailers of imported Rumanian cement have also reached them directly from Haifa Port.

THERE IS ONLY one way to ensure that this absurd — and inflationary — situation is terminated: to create a government company to replace the cement dealers, and to make all cement sales here subject to rigid inspection.

This machinery need not be either cumbersome or expensive. It could be controlled by a small computer-

guided staff who would share their computer information with the VAT investigation teams. Expenses would be more than covered by the profits (or even part of them) at present going into the pockets of the dealers.

In this way, all, instead of most, cement would be sold direct to bona fide contractors. Each contractor would receive an annual allocation based on the production of building licences and their accompanying aggregate estimates. This allocation would be divided up into monthly allotments and recorded in a computer.

With all cement sales thus computer recorded, tax investigation teams would have an exact check on all building starts. Builders would also be effectively prevented from starting construction before receiving a licence.

Ancillary cement-using industries, like makers of building blocks and floor tiles, would also be brought into this network of inspection. Some of these firms, also on the West Bank, have periodically made more money from selling their cement on the black market than from making tiles, in which labour and machinery



Creating a single controlled outlet for cement would not constitute a reversal of the liberalization process. It would only serve as a free form of rationing if real shortages develop, while ensuring a continuous flow of supplies for essential projects. Above all, it would put an end to the activities of the speculators who line their pockets with the money of Israeli citizens, at no small cost to the Israeli economy. The author is The Post's art editor.

Dayan stirs the pot

THE DEAL struck by Foreign Minister Dayan in Washington for the monitoring of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai under the peace treaty with Egypt, may or may not be the best that could be secured in the circumstances.

Mr. Dayan himself thinks it is, and his judgment certainly deserves respect. On the other hand, it clearly falls wide of the mark when set against the hard-line position taken in the matter just a couple of months ago by the Foreign Minister himself.

At that time, Mr. Dayan insisted that Israel should reject any alternative to the multinational force that the U.S. had, as he pointed out, undertaken to set up if the Security Council (that is, the Soviets) refused to have UNEF's mandate renewed. Israel should not consent to UNEF's replacement with the unreliable UNTSO, he argued, nor content itself with joint patrolling with Egypt, even if that should prove possible.

At stake, so Mr. Dayan claimed, was the integrity of a fundamental American pledge, and that the time to test it was now.

Some observers remarked at the time that Mr. Dayan was making a mountain out of a molehill; that he was basing himself on a text (a letter by Mr. Carter to Mr. Begin) that was not wholly free from ambiguity; and that it was not worth straining Israel's limited bargaining power for the achievement of such a limited, and evidently impossible, objective.

Waving these objections aside, the Cabinet lined up loyally behind the Foreign Minister, endorsing his stand without reservations.

Perhaps it is not entirely surprising, then, that most Cabinet members now feel cheated, let alone slighted; especially since Mr. Dayan, in his now customary fashion, did not bother to consult with his colleagues (nor even with Mr. Begin) when he discovered, during his talks in Washington last month, that a tactical retreat to a new position was desirable.

Now it is plain that Mr. Dayan does not take the foreign policy opinions of some, if not most, of his "babbling" colleagues too seriously, and he may be right in his attitude. But even a better team than the present would be hard put to follow Mr. Dayan's reasoning in his regular lightning switches from "hawk" to "dove" or the other way round.

The Cabinet will in the end probably ratify the deal, despite the views expressed yesterday by the Knesset Committee, only because Mr. Begin has already endorsed it — as the best that could be secured in the circumstances. The issue will then have been resolved. But what is likely to remain in the public memory is the manner in which the Cabinet once again hurtled aimlessly into and out of an issue of its own making.

A signal from the Pope

IF, AS REPORTED, Pope John Paul II wishes to come on a pilgrimage to Israel he will, needless to say, be a most welcome guest. The hospitality he may expect would certainly equal that extended to Pope Paul VI during his journey here back in 1964.

The Pope's address to the UN General Assembly in New York on Tuesday, following visits to Boston and earlier to Dublin, was in its way a fitting curtain-raiser to such a pilgrimage.

Combining boldness and discretion, John Paul spoke with outrage of the horrors of the Holocaust, with approval of the Camp David accords (as stepping stones to overall Middle East peace) and Palestinian rights, and with diplomacy of Jerusalem.

His brief comments on this city, though hewing close to now established Vatican policy, evoked special interest. He called for "a special statute that, under international guarantees, would respect the particular nature of Jerusalem."

Commenting to the press on the Pope's speech, Israel's Permanent Representative Yehuda Blum paid tribute to John Paul's appeal for a peaceful solution to all international disputes, but pointedly ignored his proposal on Jerusalem. Ambassador Blum merely pointed out that religious autonomy, and access to all holy places, is assured in an unprecedented measure under Israel's rule.

He might have, without prejudicing any Israeli claims, suggested that the religious status quo could be reinforced by appropriate and agreed international guarantees. He might also have been less giggling in his reference to unnamed "other faiths" for whose adherents Jerusalem holds a "deep spiritual significance."

Perhaps Ambassador Blum feared he would not have the sanction of his superiors for a display of any greater liberality on the sensitive issue of Israel's capital. But that would be a sign of weakness, not strength. And it is time we put such fears about Jerusalem away.

Limits to pluralism

"One of the destructive forces in democracy is too much democracy." SIMON A. DOLGIN argues that where the Jewish religion is concerned, differences in degree must not be confused with differences in kind.

THE DEMOCRATIC world is rapidly narrowing. Of the 151 nations in the UN today, not more than 35 can be rated as democratic. The number is more likely to diminish than increase. The Western-oriented nations that espouse what Winston Churchill called the least of all the evil forms of government, are, in the last decades of the twentieth century, the distinct minority.

This should give us food for serious thought. Maybe we are wrong; maybe democracy is not the least of evils. For certainly, if we are not wrong, we are doing something that is undermining what we obviously believe to be best.

I submit that one of the destructive forces in democracy is too much democracy; not knowing where to cut a halt to the "democratic" rights of those who would destroy democracy. When democracy in the U.S. demands that freedom of speech protect the right of Nazis to organize, parade and demonstrate in the interests of advancing a movement that would destroy democracy, then this is simple suicide.

When democracy does not mount a counter-offensive against people in totalitarian states, which establish cells in free countries, then it is guilty of suicide. Sacred terms of the democratic world — pluralism, freedom of speech and assembly, individual rights, etc. — will destroy themselves unless they are defined and limited.

ALL THIS has something to do with our approach to Judaism and the Jew. Indeed, being democratically minded, we believe in pluralism and the right of the individual to live his life as he wishes. However, this tolerance may well cause the undermining of the Jewish people in Israel and in the Diaspora. Somewhere, there must be demarcations established that say "Halt" to pluralism, diversity and the right to call individual practices "Jewish."

Actually, the Israel Supreme Court has established certain limitations on the pluralism of Jews. A Jew ceases to be a Jew when he accepts the divinity of Christianity's saviour. The Knesset found the fallacy in Ben-Gurion's and Bar Yehuda's doctrine that a Jew is anyone who declares himself to be a Jew. The Shallit case caused Israel to limit the definition of the Jew to one born of a Jewish mother or converted to the Jewish faith and not a member of any other faith. Only such definitions can save a democratically-minded Jewish people and Jewish State from self destruction.

THE PRINCIPLES of our faith have been at the centre of Jewish existence. This writer has long sought a *raison d'être* for Jewish continuity aside from religion. He has seriously raised the issue in intellectual circles without any response. The maxim of Rabbi Saadia Gaon of almost a thousand years ago, remains true: "Our people is a people only by virtue of its Torah" (written and oral). The articles of this faith were clearly postulated by Maimonides and Rabbi Joseph Albo. No valid substitute has yet been offered.

In Maimonides' Thirteen Articles

of Faith there is much room for democracy's sacred cow — pluralism. In Judaism, no group is as pluralistic as Orthodox. There are more than 57 varieties of Orthodoxy: Hassidim of countless strains and Mitnagdim, Orientals and Occidentals, Zionists and anti-Zionists. With all their differences sometimes aggravated by external factors that cause in-fighting, all recognize the others as Jews. None of Lubavitch will say that the Hassidim of Gur or the Mitnagdim of Frankfurt are not Jewish. These differences may be called differences of degree. All espouse the fundamentals of Maimonides.

However, differences in degree must not be confused with differences in kind. These were the differences of the Sadducees and Karaites, who rejected the authenticity of Oral Law, as did the Samaritans. The early Christians under Paul, did the same.

In extreme form today, this is the difference in kind of Jews for Jesus who, amongst other things, reject Maimonides' Second Principle (the Creator is One and there is no oneness like His in any form) and his Ninth Principle (that "religious" will not be exchanged and there shall be no other Tora from the Creator). These differences in kind exceeded the limits of pluralism and had to be rejected as foreign to Judaism and inimical to its being.

In a more mild form, perhaps, for socio-historic reasons, the difference in kind between Conservative and Reform Judaism has not yet been read out of the pluralistic demarcations of "classical Judaism." Both deny Maimonides' Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Principles (believe with complete faith that all the words of the prophets are true; that the prophecy of Moses, our teacher of blessed memory, was true; that all the Tora now in our hands was given to Moses our teacher of blessed memory).

This writer recalls *Conservatism's* ideologist, Seymour Siegel, declaring at the Hebrew University, "We believe in Tora from Heaven, but not the Tora from Heaven." This in addition to his rejection of Principles Twelve and Thirteen, about the Messiah and resurrection of the dead.

Those espousing this kind of faith, in which this writer finds not distinctive Jewish principles that are basic and binding, are, as far removed from the faith that all the words of the prophets are true, as were their predecessors mentioned above. To halachic Judaism, they are strangers. Their Zionism, personal practices, ritual forms, do not compensate for or replace the acknowledgement of the principles

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